

## **Press Release**

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## NAVY PREPARING TO SHELTER MILITARY EVACUEES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Navy housing offices across the country are preparing to shelter military members and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

According to Alan Bergo, director of Navy Housing at Commander Navy
Installations Command (CNI) headquarters, Navy installations and regions have identified
open bachelor and family housing at bases around the U.S. that could be used to house
single military members or families who evacuated because of the hurricane.

In addition to the almost 3,000 Visitors Quarters rooms available for short term use, nearly 5,000 bachelor housing rooms and approximately 4,400 family housing units have been identified for possible use to house evacuees from Katrina. All Navy housing managers across the nation have identified their capacity to take displaced personnel; because the "safe haven" has been extended throughout the U.S., military families may have re-located to be near relatives.

The housing is not being restricted only to Sailors and their families. Bergo said that members of the other services, including the Coast Guard, would be helped. "If they are a U.S. uniformed service, we will help," said Bergo.

Displaced military members and families who need housing should contact the housing office near where they have re-located, or call 1-877-689-2722.